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HEROUX et al.

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For: ASSAY METHODS FOR NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE

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PETITION TO EXTEND

May 15, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application (which qualifies as a Small Entity) for three months from the due date of February 16, 2002, of the Official Action dated November 16, 2001.

An extension fee of \$460.00 is now attached in order that a Request for Continued Examination may be filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140** under Matter No. 2528-2. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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